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The movement of the American suffragists to repudiate Mrs. Pankhurst, the English convic suffragette, is becoming general. Dr. Anna Shaw has canceled her engagement to welcome her in New York this week.

Charlemagne Tower, former German Ambassador, has been sued for damages by his daughter-in-law for alienating the affections of her husband, Charlemagne Tower, Jr., aged 26. Mrs. Tower is 28 years old and married young Tower secretly while he was a Yale student two years ago. He has since refused to recognize her as his wife.

Huerta has virtually assumed a dictatorship in Mexico and is carrying things with a high hand. Senator Dominguez, who opposed his methods, has disappeared and it is believed he has met the fate of President Madero. On Friday 110 members of the chamber of deputies were arrested as they sat in the chamber and thrown into the penitentiary and held prisoners until Saturday night. Congress has been dissolved by force of arms and there is no expectation that a constitutional election can be held Oct. 26. Another crisis is at hand as the federal soldiers are growing more mutinous from serving without pay. The United States is prepared for any emergency, keeping warships at hand, but changing them every thirty days to keep within the strict letter of the law.

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THE CONQUERORS

By JEAN DOUGLAS.

Never had the distance between the ranch and the schoolhouse seemed so great. So thought Alecia Merrell as she wiped the beads of perspiration from her brow and turned the brim of her hat down to ward off the dazzling glare of the sun. She spoke gently to the bronco, who responded with a quickened pace, and before long the low, unprepossessing building hove into sight. A few more minutes and she halted at the door and, leading the bronco to the shed in the rear of the building, she brushed the fine alkali dust from her dress of brown linen and removed the broad-brimmed hat, disclosing a wealth of rust-brown hair. Alecia was not pretty, and the casual observer would fail to discover the alluring charm dwelling in the depths of her violet eyes, but having once discovered it he would strive to win her favor as did all the inhabitants of Centertown. This was her second year as teacher of the summer term, and the children, as well as their elders, dreaded the time when she would return east to continue her work as instructor at a well-known college.

She unlocked the door, sat down at her desk and mechanically arranged the books and papers. Then she began correcting the examination papers, and became so absorbed that the entrance of a tall, bronzed man was unnoticed. He stood silently, with head uncovered and eyes riveted on her face, his countenance radiating a devotion which few beings are capable of.

She sighed and murmured, softly, "Just one more week. How quickly the summer has passed."

The man walked toward her, saying: "I have been thinking the same thing with a little more added to it. Just couldn't help dropping in on my way to the ranch, as I knew you'd be here early. I suppose it's no use to ask you again, not to go back east; for I haven't much besides love to offer you."

"Please, please do not talk like that; and you promised me only last night that you would not discuss the subject again."

"I am truly grateful, David, for the honor you have given me, but you must know that anything more than a good friendship between us is impossible. It is all very well for me to come out here each summer and find it enjoyable, but think of the long winter months that I would have to spend housed in a log cabin, away from all my friends, and the advantages an eastern city affords. I admire you immensely, but I do not love you enough to make this sacrifice possible. Once more, I beg of you, do not refer to this subject again, or I shall avoid you the remainder of my stay here."

A cloud passed over the man's face, robbing it of its natural fineness of expression, and the lines about his mouth grew drawn and hard.

"I'll not mention it again," he said huskily, and without further conversation passed out of the schoolhouse and down the road.

Alecia drew a sigh of relief as his form disappeared from her view. "Poor fellow, too bad he did not like some other girl, he has so many good qualities, but I could never stand him two minutes," and she shuddered at the thought.

David Hoyt was a wonderful example of healthy, clean young manhood; he lacked but one attribute which the social world deems necessary to a gentleman, the culture and polish acquired through constant association with well-bred people. He was a product of nature, with a heart of gold, and the soul of a poet; but the girl, reared in the atmosphere of a staid New England home, demanded those qualities of which David knew nothing.

On the evening previous to her departure David came to the ranch where Alecia boarded and offered to drive her to the railway station. "I have more horses than the folks here, and I guess they're pretty busy now getting ready for the fall shipment."

"My trunk is packed, and I shall be ready promptly at 8:30. Do you think it will rain? One of the boys said tonight he heard tree-toads croaking, and warned me to dress for wet weather."

"Don't know as I'd bank much on a prophecy no stronger than a tree-toad's croak, but you never can tell, this season of the year, when rain is apt to come. Well, I guess I'll be moving along. Good-by until tomorrow."

row." And again Alecia was relieved at his departure.

During the 16-mile drive to the station she tried in vain to attract more than monosyllabic answers from the silent David. His eyes never wandered from the road ahead, and the girl seated beside him studied the tense lines of his face, and also lapsed into silence, for this was a man of whom she knew nothing.

Scanning the heavens, she saw a huge bank of clouds, looming threateningly in the southwest. It advanced rapidly like a conquering army, totally obscuring sun and blue sky, while the girl, watching its progress, shivered and touched the man's arm. "Look, David, a heavy storm is coming! Had we better go back?" The man turned, for the first time, regarding her face. "You're not afraid, are you? It won't amount to much." But in contradiction to his statement, the rain descended in a deluge that forced them to seek shelter beneath a tree.

"There's a log cabin half-way up the mountain; we must ride there." He unhitched the horses, tied the wagon securely to a tree, and assisted her to mount. Through the almost blinding rain and the wind, that retarded their progress, they wound their way steadily up the mountainside, and finally reached the cabin.

They found the cupboard well-stocked with canned goods, and dried fish, and the wood pile in the fireplace ready for the lighting. The girl sank wearily into a chair while the man prepared the meal. She ate little and talked less, and David, noticing her weariness, suggested that she retire in the other room, while he kept watch outside. All night long she heard the steady downpour on the roof, and in the morning, David, going out in search of wood, came back with the report that the bridge over the creek had collapsed.

"That means that we must remain here indefinitely," she asked.

"I'm afraid it does," he answered.

Then the girl's courage vanished, and she wept. Manlike, he fled out into the rain in search of dry underbrush for the fire. Three hours later he re-entered the cabin walking as if in great pain.

"What's wrong, David?" she demanded.

"I've sprained my ankle and feel sick."

She assisted him to the bunk, heated water and applied hot bandages to the swollen ankle.

He crimsoned as he regarded her. "You oughtn't to do this for me," he said.

"Be quiet and go to sleep, if you can," she answered, arranging the covers to make him more comfortable. His utter helplessness awoke a tender sympathy within her, and while preparing the evening meal she returned frequently to the bunk, ministering some little attention to relieve the pain. His eyes followed her adoringly as she tidied the room, giving it those characteristically feminine touches that make even a hut in the woods habitable. Afterward she took a book of poems from her handbag and read until he fell asleep.

The next morning found the rain unabated, but the pain in David's ankle was less severe. He began to plan for their departure, saying that they could follow the trail over the mountain and down the other side, where she could take the train for New England, continuing: "I know this has been a dreadful experience for you, for I've been no end of trouble, but you must know how sorry I am."

To his surprise she took his great hand gently between her own, saying: "I do not intend to return east—that is—if you want me to stay, David," and the man reverently pressed her hands to his lips.—Buffalo Express.

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